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(Antonio's Spanish-Italian  
Cafeteria and Take-out)  
Washington  
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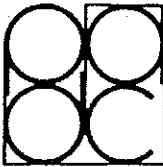
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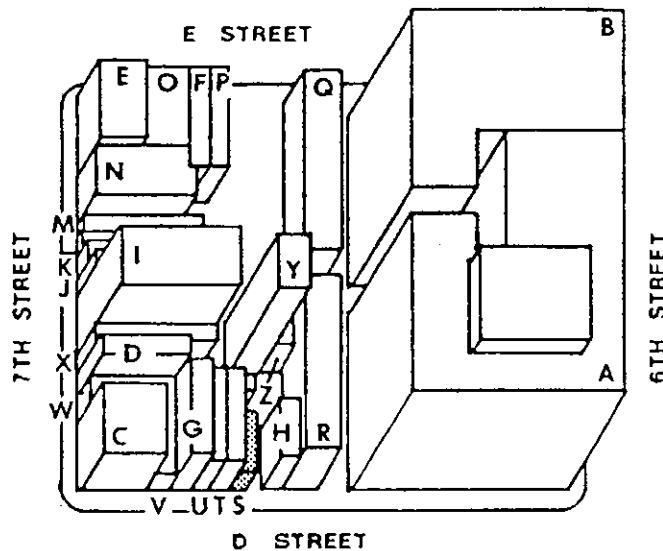
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Lot 809



This documentation was produced for mitigation purposes by the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation. Additional documentation exists for Square 457, within which this structure stands. For photographs, historical, and descriptive data on Square 457, see HABS No. DC-597.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Antonio's Spanish-Italian Cafeteria and Takeout occupies a small mid-block lot on the north side of D Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets in the middle of what once comprised the city's clothing district. This two-story, three-bay red brick Nineteenth Century commercial structure with Italianate overtones shares a party wall with a three story building to the west while an empty lot, used as an alley, separates it from the Central Armature Works to the east. The structure fills most of its site and adheres to the facade line of its neighbors. The basically flat-roofed rectangular building is composed of a wide but shallow south portion (17' x 20') followed by a deeper but narrower middle block (13' x 43') and terminates with a small ell (8' x 12') at the north. The building originally contained living quarters above a ground floor clothing shop, and later served entirely as a clothiers shop before conversion to a restaurant.

Brick bearing walls support wood floor and ceiling joists which span the full width of the building. The brick second story portion of the facade is supported by a wooden beam anchored at the side walls and supported by wood encased piers to either side of the central entrance.

The facade is simply organized into two levels. The ground level contains a single display window to either side of the slightly recessed entrance. The upper level contains three equally spaced and sized segmentally arched window openings, now boarded over. The building is crowned by an abstracted entablature consisting of a machicolated architrave (series of alternately projecting and recessed corbels) supporting a plain frieze band and ending in a metal cornice molding with small metal gable-shaped ornaments at each end. The lower part of the facade is painted dark brown while the upper part is painted grey. Both floors consist of a single large room with the ground floor containing several additional small service rooms. The upper level contains vestiges of its service as a clothing store: valances along the sidewalls which once contained clothing display racks.

## ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

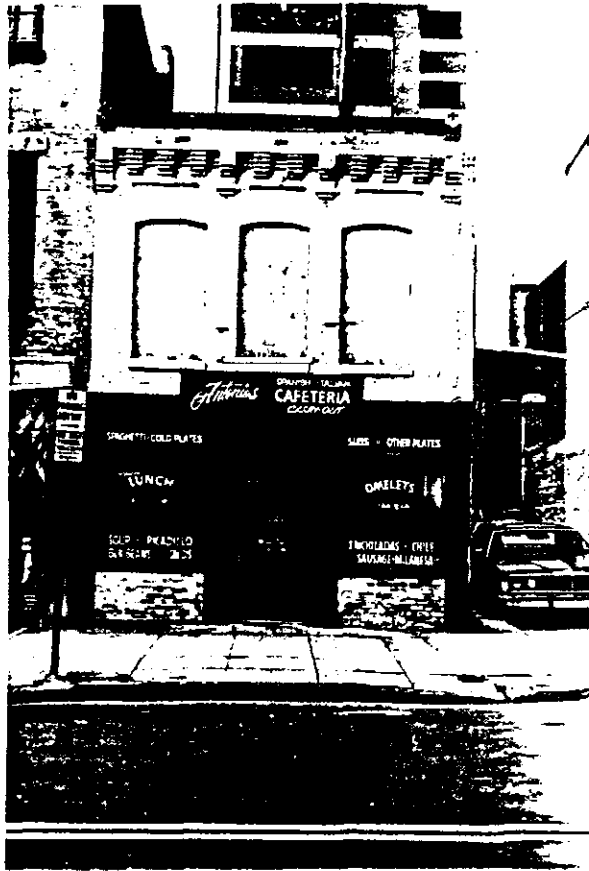
This small, modest building typifies the small-scale development which characterized much of late-Nineteenth Century Washington. The combination of ground floor shops with living quarters above was a common one until the middle of the Twentieth Century. The brick work and entablature detailing illustrate the aspiration to classically inspired elegance, executed in common materials, which was

also a prevalent feature of contemporary architecture in the district area.

While not architecturally distinguished, the building comprises part of the row of similar commercial structures which characterize this section of D Street. The well executed cornice detailing is similar to that of the nearby 641 building and others along this street.

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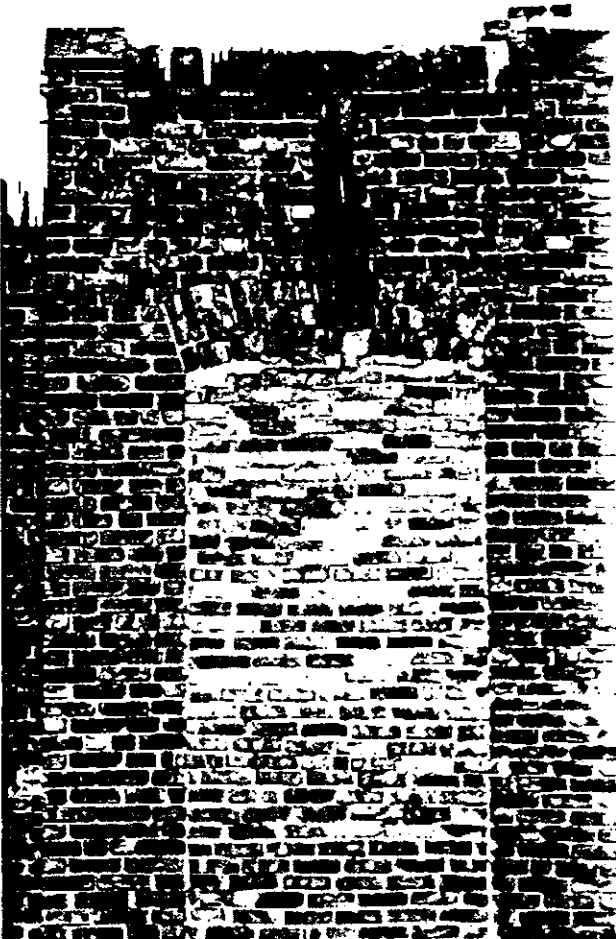
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NORTH ELEVATION: WINDOW



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BRICKED-IN WINDOW OPENING

Lot 6  
631-637 D Street

When originally platted, Lot 6 was an L-shaped property located in a southwestern quadrant of Square 457. It was bounded on the north and east by a public alley.

1819.....A.E. Hough and John Coyle were owners of Lot 6.

1824.....At this date, the Tax Records indicated a division of the lot into east and west properties. Refer to the individual listings for further information.



Lot 6 Central (Sublot 809)  
633 D Street

The lot measured approximately 15' x 100'. It first appeared in the Tax Assessment Records in 1859 and on the 1887 Hopkins Plat Map.

1859.....James Chedal owned the lot. The lot assessment was \$1687.00.

1870.....The building improvement value was \$1000.00. Chedal was the owner.

1878/79..Chedal's lot assessment had risen to \$2362.00.

1883/84..Still in Chedal's name, the ground was valued at \$2531.00. No improvement assessment was listed in the Records.

1888.....Building Permit #2263, 6/16/1888: Permit to build a brick addition measuring 16' x 22'. Cost: \$500.00.

1889  
to

1900.....Several second-hand clothing stores and a barber shop had occupied the building at this time.

1893/94..\$3796.00 was the ground value and \$1200.00 was the improvement value, in Chedal's name.

1899/

1900.....Chedal's lot value decreased to \$3121.00, as did the building improvement value to \$800.00.

1900.....Building Permit #1190, 2/17/1900: Application to move present show window about 3' - 4'. Will not interfere with brick of main building.

1901  
to

1943.....Reuben Goldstein and Son owned a second-hand store at this address.

1905.....Building Permit #2507, 5/22/1905: Application to reconstruct rear brick shed (one-story, flat tin roof).

1919.....The Baist Plat Map named the lot No. 809.

1954

to

1967.....Leon's Clothing, Inc. was established at 633 D Street.

1981.....Antonio's Spanish-Italian Cafeteria and Takeout is located at 633 D Street.

## SOURCES

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Boyd's City Directories

District of Columbia Building Permits

District of Columbia General Assessment Records

District of Columbia Recorder of Deeds

District of Columbia Surveyor's Office Records

District of Columbia Tax Records

Hopkins Real Estate Atlas

Polk's City Directories

Property Map for Downtown Urban Renewal Area for District of Columbia Redevelopment  
Land Agency

Sanborn Insurance Map